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## MARRS URGES REDUCTION OF GRADES TAUGHT

**Cites High Cost Per Pupil for Limited Number in Higher Grades in Rural Schools; Also Shortens School Term.**

In a circular letter from State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs, dated January 1, 1932, he urges economy for the coming year in school matters. Especially in the rural school he urges that much money can be saved by not attempting to teach so many grades. Quoting him, he says "Many small districts are offering eleven grades instead of being content with nine or ten grades. Frequently the few ninth or tenth grade pupils should be sent to a neighboring first class accredited high school at less expense to the district and to the distinct advantage of the students in having better qualified teachers as well as having access to superior library and laboratory facilities. This would enable the home district to make the work more thorough and efficient in the grades it did teach."

The state superintendent has here put his finger upon one of the items that makes rural school teaching so expensive per pupil. The "per pupil cost" in a school offering the tenth grade with only five or six pupils in the grade is extremely high. It means that the length of the term for the whole school must be shortened because so much money is spent upon these four or five in the tenth grade. If these upper grades were left off, and the money spent upon the lower grades, then the rural school could have a longer term and do efficient work in the lower grades. Then when the students entered an affiliated high school they would make their mark.

**HIGH SCHOOL TUITION LAW.**  
It would be much cheaper for the district to send these four or five students who happen to be in the tenth grade to a nearby affiliated school. These could be sent to the nearby high school without any cost to the district or to the student. Under the provisions of the high school tuition law, the state will pay the tuition of the pupil in the nearby high school for the entire year. Besides saving money for the rural district, the pupil would be permitted to attend a fully affiliated high school where teachers are better qualified and where the student would have access to a good library and laboratory equipment. Then, if after finishing high school, the student should want to attend college, he could do so without having to take any sort of entrance examination. "The most economical thing for the small school to do with its few advanced students," says Supt. Marrs, "would be to transfer them to some nearby high school and thus save the cost of having to teach these few students."

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 12, 1912.)

### LEAP YEAR DANCE.

Friday evening, Jan. 5, a crowd of ladies assisted by several married couples were hostesses at a leap dance at the Thornton building on street. Miss Carol Rister furnished the music for the dancers. Auto were sent out by the hostesses to their chaparrons and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, George Miller, Messrs. Paul, Jim Guitart, Ernest Faucett, Mable, of Colorado City, Olly, Lester Ellis, Luther Grimes, Gaither, Frank Ferrier, Sears, C. C. Franklin and Brown. The hostesses were Mrs. Sheppard, Jessie O'Brien, Coggins, Elma Sheppard, Mabel Collins and Virginia and Venona of Thornton, Carol Ris-

## PRESIDENT NAMES POSTMASTER FOR RE-APPOINTMENT

Along with a group from other West Texas towns, the re-appointment of Postmaster O. J. Adcock of Merkel was sent to the senate for confirmation last week by President Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Adcock's service in the Merkel post-office covers a period of over 18 years, he having started as a rural carrier Dec. 16, 1907. Later he served as clerk in the office for a year or more and became acting postmaster April 1, 1927. On Dec. 16 of that year he was commissioned as postmaster and the appointment, now pending, is for a second term of four years.

In ability, efficiency and courtesy Mr. Adcock has earned the good will of every patron of the office and his re-appointment is just another merited reward for service rendered.

## WTCC Directors Set 1932 Goal at \$60,000

Directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, meeting at the Blue Bonnet hotel in Sweetwater Monday, were given the plan of the regional organization's 1932 membership solicitation campaign, which is set for the week of January 19-24 and the objective of which is to raise \$60,000 for the year's budget.

It is planned to raise \$45,000 of this amount from the 101 affiliated towns and cities; from 80 smaller points, not affiliated, \$5,000 more will be sought and the remaining \$10,000 will be the goal from outside sources, mostly from large corporations doing business in West Texas but having headquarters elsewhere.

## Conference Allocates District Benevolences

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, attended a conference in Abilene Tuesday of pastors and lay delegates from the churches in the Abilene district. The meeting was a half-day affair and ended with a luncheon served at the church.

The purpose of the meeting, as defined by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was to study an every-member canvass and the allocation of benevolences. Apportionment of funds for the benevolent program of the churches in the Abilene presbytery was set for \$2,170. There are approximately 1865 members included in the 24 churches.

## Old-Timer Paying Visit to This City

One of the old-timers is paying Merkel a visit. M. S. French of Newport, Ark., is the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce. Mr. French recalls when J. L. Vaughn was Merkel's first depot and ticket agent and he and Mr. Vaughn combined in inducing "Mary Jane" Cox to start the Merkel Mail. He was engaged in the drug business here up to 1888.

and taken home in an auto. The personnel of the party were Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet, Eunice Nisbett, Elma Sheppard, Fannie Burroughs, Ruby Jones, Winnie Sublett, Maude Martin, Messrs. Choc Jones, Parker Sharp, Carl Evans, Jesse Ferguson, Rufford Evans, George Ferrier, Olly Sharp and C. C. Franklin.

Pate and Rose, Barbers. Hot and cold baths. Try us and be convinced.

Ernest Costephens returned to Abilene Monday where he is attending Draughton's Business College.

Mrs. H. Turner is reported quite sick this week.

Richard Dalby, manager of the Hamilton ranch on the Divide, was in spending some of his money this week.

John Sears, president of the Southern National bank, bought another half section of improved land. The deal was a Jackson.

Elbert Dean went to Abilene Tuesday where he has entered a business college.



## DEATH CLAIMS J. WILLIE MOORE

**Resident of Merkel Since 1900  
Passes Away at Late Hour  
Sunday Afternoon.**

Funeral services for J. Willie Moore, 73, resident of Merkel since 1900, were held at 3:30 Monday afternoon from the Church of Christ, conducted by W. G. Cypert, assisted by L. E. Carpenter, minister of the local Church of Christ. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Active pall bearers were: R. F. Mashburn, Frank Golladay, George Woodrum, Sam Bankston, J. L. Massey and J. T. Darsey; honorary, J. M. Estes, J. W. Mashburn, W. B. Massey, J. A. Buford, S. J. Roberts and J. P. Sharp.

Mr. Moore, in ill health for more than a year, had been confined to his bed since December 15, when he returned from a visit with a daughter in Houston. He died Sunday afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock.

Born in Alabama on March 9, 1858, he moved to Texas as a young man and on Sept. 4, 1889, he was married at Battle in McLennan county to Miss Mattie Lucindy Adcock, by whom he is survived. The family moved to Merkel from Battle and Mr. Moore had been engaged here as a gin worker up to the last three years, when he had not been capacitated to work. He united with the church as a young man and through his useful life of more than the allotted three score and ten years he was ever ready to help his fellow-man, being a kindly-mannered man, and one to whom the dear ones of his family meant much and for whom he would stop at no sacrifice.

Besides his wife, six children survive. They are: Mrs. C. M. Partridge of Humble; Mrs. C. A. Ditty of Berkeley, Calif.; Miss Fannie Moore, Waco; Miss Delphine Moore, Merkel; R. W. Moore, McCombs; and Ernest Moore, Merkel. The daughter in Waco and Mrs. Ditty from California were unable to come for the funeral, but all the others were at the bedside of their father when death came.

## Mrs. E. C. Touchstone Dies of Burns at Enid

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone was notified Saturday morning of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Touchstone, at Enid, Okla., and left at once to attend the funeral services which were held at Decatur Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. E. C. Touchstone received fatal burns early Thursday morning of last week, when clothing she was cleaning in her home with gasoline ignited. She died Friday night.

About a year ago Mr. and Mrs. Touchstone moved to Enid from Dallas. Elbert Touchstone is a former Merkel boy and the many friends of the Touchstone family, who formerly lived here, will learn with deep regret of the painful and tragic death of Mrs. Touchstone.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGhee, Friday, January 8, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patterson, residing south of Blair, Friday, January 8, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otho Ainsworth, residing west of View, Monday January 11, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Goode, Trent, Wednesday, January 13, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Reyna, Trent, Wednesday, January 13,

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Having been organized with \$100,000 capital and \$100,000 surplus, the Citizens National bank of Brownwood, which closed last October 6, reopened Tuesday.

By a vote of 1,004 to 779, citizens of Abilene in an unofficial referendum election held Tuesday expressed opposition to Sunday afternoon picture shows in that city.

Dr. Hermann Joseph Muller, University of Texas zoology professor and widely known scientist, who disappeared from his home at Austin Sunday, was found early Tuesday in a semi-conscious condition in the woods near Mt. Bonnell.

Saying he killed an Indian youth in Oklahoma county, twenty years ago, yet never having been charged with the slaying, a Lefors man surrendered Monday to Sheriff Blansett of Pampa, giving himself up to "get a load off his mind."

Two men, both convicted of murder, Ira McKee, 32, Palo Pinto county oil field worker, and Andrew Jackson, 50, Bexar county negro, were electrocuted in the state prison at Huntsville early Friday morning, January 8.

In a comparative report on postal receipts from 50 selected cities of the country, issued by the post-office department, Fort Worth, with receipts of \$150,311, was the only one in Texas to record a gain, which was 2.45 per cent over the corresponding month in 1929.

The plant of the Wichita Falls Motor company, only manufacturer of motor trucks in Texas, has returned to full time operation, with unfilled orders, including one for \$280,000 worth of heavy gasoline trucks, sufficient to assure several months of uninterrupted production.

Fort Worth has been chosen as the place for the 1932 convention of the Texas State Teachers association by the executive committee, winning over San Antonio, El Paso and Mineral Wells, the convention to be held, according to custom, on Thanksgiving day and on the Friday and Saturday following.

Tornadoes in southeast Texas Monday afternoon struck twice, leaving in their wake two known dead and eight or nine injured. The dead are a Mexican woman and a baby, killed when the small house in which they were living on a plantation south of Eagle Lake was picked up by the twister and completely demolished.

## All Bank Directors, Officers Re-Elected

Officers and directors of both Merkel banks were re-elected at the annual meetings of stockholders and directors of these institutions held Tuesday.

Directors of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel are: C. M. Largent, J. S. Swann, Dave Hendricks, Max Mellinger and W. L. Diltz. Officers are: C. M. Largent, president and chairman of the board; J. S. Swann, first vice-president; Dave Hendricks, second vice-president, and W. L. Diltz, cashier.

The board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants National bank are: J. T. Warren, George F. West, Sam Butman, Sr., George L. Paxton and Booth Warren. Officers are: J. T. Warren, president; George F. West, first vice-president; Sam Butman, Sr., second vice-president; Booth Warren, cashier, and F. Y. Gaither, assistant cashier.

## SLATS BOURN TO BE MANAGER FOR WINTERS OFFICE

Effective Friday of this week, J. S. (Slats) Bourn will become local manager of the Community Natural Gas company for the Winters district and will remove with his wife to Winters. He is to succeed R. A. Nut at that place.

R. E. Neal, who has been in the Sweetwater office of the company for the past several months, comes to take Bourn's place here.

"Slats" would have been local manager for the company four years on February 3 next and during the time of his residence and management in Merkel has become one of the city's most popular young business men. Full of energy, courteous and efficient, he has served the company's clients in Merkel and this district with exceptional satisfaction and success and his departure from this city is to be greatly regretted.

## Death Merkel's Man Sister in Explosion

Details of the explosion that caused the death of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Ball, at Cleburne last week are told in a copy of the Cleburne newspaper received by G. L. Baker, well known farmer residing on Route 1.

The tragedy occurred Sunday morning, Jan. 3, as Mrs. Ball, a devout church worker, was preparing to attend Sunday School. She had lighted the gas stove in her upstairs room and had gone outside to look for a morning newspaper, according to a neighbor.

Just how the accident occurred is not known, but it is presumed that when she closed the door the draft of the air blew out the fire in the gas stove and that when she returned to the room to find the stove out she struck a match. The room had filled with gas and when she struck the match the explosion, which rocked the building and other residences in the block, followed. She was badly burned over the body and face and was carried to the hospital where she died about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ball is survived by one son and one daughter, and, besides the brother here, by three other brothers and two sisters. Nieces and nephews in Merkel and this section include Mrs. Brook Patterson, Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Fred Baker, Britt Baker and Mrs. J. L. McLaughlin, the latter of Floydada, Texas.

## EDITORS' SURVEY PRESAGES DEMO VICTORY IN '32

**305 of 591 Leading Newspaper  
Observers in Nation Believe  
Democrats Will Win in Fall;  
Hoover a "Scapegoat."**

New York, Jan. 14.—The majority of newspaper editors in the United States believe a democrat, probably Governor Roosevelt of New York or Newton D. Baker of Ohio, will be the next president, a nation-wide survey by the magazine, Publishers' Service, indicated in a published statement.

Three hundred five out of 591 editors of daily newspapers who answered the magazine's questionnaire, predicted a democratic president. Only 145 predicted republican victory, while 140 declined to venture an opinion. One editor predicted "republicans with Coolidge only."

The questionnaire was sent to all daily newspaper editors in the United States, totaling 1835. About one-third of the editors answered. The magazine believes results of the survey represent a true cross section of sentiment among all newspaper editors in the country. Embraced in the survey are the votes and exclusive editorial opinion of the largest metropolitan dailies as well as the smallest country dailies.

Outstanding surprise facts indicated by the survey are these:

1. That whereas 209 of the 591 newspapers will definitely support the republican nominee, only 145 believe a republican candidate can be elected.

**MOST PREDICT DEMOCRAT.**

2. That, whereas the democratic candidate is assured of the support of only 183 of the 591 papers, 305 believe the democratic candidate will be elected.

3. The strength of Newton D. Baker and the favor in which he is held by the newspapers. A total of 134 newspapers favor Baker for the democratic nominee, a total of only 27 less than Roosevelt received.

President Hoover's status was considered in editorial opinion accompanying answers to the questionnaire. Many newspapers believed he is the weakest man the republican party can nominate, Publishers' Service states.

**THINKS HOOVER MARTYR.**

On the other hand, some editors think that the gathering opposition (Continued on Page Six.)



## WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BLAME.

I was lunching with a group of high executives, and the discussion turned to economic problems. Presently out came the usual line of comment:

"Congress is a bunch of idiots. How can we hope for any sensible program when our laws are made by such men?"

I was annoyed.

All my business life I have listened to that sort of talk. I have known a good many Senators and Congressmen. My judgment is that they are fairly representative of the nation, neither better nor worse than the rest of us. They do not originate very much in the matter of national policy and legislation. They merely record in laws the sentiment that grows up in the country around them. They respond to public opinion.

And what does Big Business do to create and guide an intelligent public opinion? Practically nothing.

Every young man who enters Big Business is told in effect: "Now you have taken the veil. From now on you must not express any opinion on a controversial subject. You are no longer merely an individual; you are the representative of a large body of stockholders who hold divergent views on almost everything. You must not offend either our stockholders or our customers. Your duty is to work, and keep your mouth shut."

Big bankers and corporation officials regard this a policy of "dignified silence." As a matter of fact, it is laziness and cowardice.

My father was a distinguished clergyman, the spokesman of a large congregation. He never hesitated to have views or to give them vigorous expression. Sometimes parishioners criticized him. He said to me once: "If I do not know better than the members of my congregation what sort of preaching they people should have, then I am not entitled to be their pastor."

The president of a corporation with world-wide interests ought to know more than his stockholders or his customers.

He ought to know whether our present tariff policy is a help or a hindrance to our economic life, and have the courage to say so.

He ought to know whether our war debts should or should not be revised, and guide his stockholders in their thinking.

He ought to know what our policy should be toward Russia.

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## CREDIT RESTORATION IS DUE WITHIN 90 DAYS.

The words are not ours—they were used by the headline writer in Sunday's Dallas News over a comprehensive survey of the present economic situation by David Lawrence, one of Washington's most often quoted newspaper writers.

Picturing the situation today with a number of battle fronts, Mr. Lawrence concludes that "the news that has developed in the last 48 hours warrants the statement that a coincidence of powerful forces is tending to bring the world through this, the most important stage of the whole depression, within the next sixty days."

Adopting the style of communiques, news from the reparations front, the congressional front, the railroad front, the Geneva battle front and the credit front, covering all angles of domestic and foreign relations, was all cited as of vital importance in "dovetailing the whole question of restoring credit confidence."

This writer, David Lawrence, whom many of us became accustomed to read after during the World War, is not given to sentiment. "The introduction of \$2,000,000,000 of funds through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation," he says, "is really calculated to do at least \$20,000,000,000 worth of credit work, which is deemed to be more than sufficient to tide America over the worst period of the depression and through the convalescent or reconstruction period which is expected to begin after the first quarter of 1932 has been safely traversed."

B. C. Forbes, writing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, sings the same tenor of "the worst is over" in a review summarizing the disasters of the stock market in the past year. After reciting the bald and unvarnished facts that:

"Twenty five representative railway stocks averaged \$93 in January; sank below \$25 in December. Typical industrial issues were cut almost half in average price. Fifty stocks which sold at \$173 in February broke below \$68 last month, a fall of 60 per cent;" he then welcomes 1932 with typical American courage:

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## Howard Trial Re-Set For March Session

Defense motion for continuance of the case of J. W. (Jack) Howard charged with operating a gaming table, was granted by Judge W. R. Chapman in 104th district court at Anson Tuesday, and the case was transferred to Abilene for trial in the March term of the court. The motion was entered by Howard's attorneys, Harry Tom King and Letcher D. King, on the ground of absence of four defense witnesses.

Howard, a fugitive for more than two years when he was arrested last summer in Tennessee, is charged in connection with the operation of a resort known as the Business Men's Innocent Sports club at Noodle Dome in the spring of 1928.

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## "Beads on a String."

The play, "Beads on a String," will be given at Salt Branch Friday night, Jan. 15. The play, postponed before on account of bad weather, will afford an evening full of fun and there will be good old-time fiddling between acts. Admission 5c and 10c.

## Perfect Bridge Hand Dealt.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Talk about your 13 spades—Mrs. Margaret C. Saikeld was dealt the really perfect bridge hand: Ace, king, queen and jack of spades; ace, king of hearts; ace, king, queen, jack, ten of diamonds and ace, king of clubs. Nobody argued her total score of 1,395 on the seven no trump bid.

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Grady Parmelly.

## Ford Delays Output Of His New Models

Detroit, Jan. 14.—The Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record says the Ford Motor company will not bring out its new models until March and adds that, although lacking official confirmation, indications are they will include an improved four-cylinder car and a V-eight.

The four is about ready to go into quantity production while the eight "awaits approval of final design," the publication says.

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## THE WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from Page One)

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The time is coming when those best brains must render some more positive service in the formation of a sound public opinion.

It is not enough just to sit back and grumble about Congress.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Words cannot express here our sincere appreciation for the help and kindness shown us in the recent illness and death of our husband and father. May God bless you is our prayer.

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## Condensed Statement of Condition

## The Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Close of Business December 31, 1931.

## RESOURCES

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loans, Time and Demand            | \$191,898.77      |
| Overdrafts                        | 218.78            |
| Real Estate on Hand               | 11,586.29         |
| Furniture and Fixtures            | 6,250.00          |
| Stock in Fed. Res. Bank           | 2,250.00          |
| 5% Redemption Fund                | 312.50            |
| U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation | 6,250.00          |
| Other U. S. Bonds                 | \$ 20,600.00      |
| Bills of Exchange Cotton          | 5,387.46          |
| Cash & Due from Banks             | 119,195.79        |
| <b>TOTAL CASH RESOURCES</b>       | <b>145,183.25</b> |
| Total                             | \$363,949.59      |

## LIABILITIES

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Stock               | \$ 50,000.00      |
| Surplus & Undivided Profits | 17,690.08         |
| Circulation Account         | 6,250.00          |
| Rediscouunts                | NONE              |
| Bills Payable               | NONE              |
| Other Borrowed Money        | NONE              |
| <b>DEPOSITS</b>             | <b>290,009.51</b> |
| Total                       | \$363,949.59      |

The above statement is correct.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

## 1932—A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

1932 is the Opportunity Year. We enter it with a renewed vigor, with increased enthusiasm, with optimism for the future, and sincerely believe that it will be truly the Opportunity Year for those who take advantage of all the good things it holds in store for them. For our part, we have resolved that we shall strive harder than ever to serve you better, help you more, and extend to you the friendliness that exists always between good friends.

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# RAPTURE BEYOND

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## THIRD INSTALLMENT

Fresh from a French convent, Jocelyn Harlowe returns to New York to her socially-elect mother, a religious, ambitious woman. The girl is hurried into an engagement with the wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her mother's society. Her father studies her surroundings.

Lynda visits her father in his dingy quarters. She finds four men playing cards when she arrives. One of them, Jock Ayleward, her father tells her, is like a son to him, but warns the girl he is a trifle.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—  
It silenced Lynda on that theme. "And that's that," he said delightedly.

He put her himself into a taxicab, escorting her down through the house with its rumors of revelry and play.

She fancied that from behind one of the closed doors of the ground floor she heard Jock Ayleward's voice, cold, angry and excited. It brought back upon her oddly that light shiver of fear, of unhappiness and of regret.

At the very beginning there was this especial difference between Lynda Sandal and Jocelyn Harlowe: Lynda was without question the more open and ardent of the two. Her eyes had burned upon Nick, his home, his life, his friends with a golden flame of interest, of sympathy, of the will to understand. It was the gift which Marcella had refused and Felix Kent had not even desired to evoke.

One evening Felix questioned her. Heretofore Jocelyn had been the questioner.

"Why," he asked her, "do you look so conventional tonight?"

"Oh," said Jocelyn, realizing that she must answer. "You used to say I didn't look as I ought to: conventional, that is."

"Tonight you do."

"That's funny."

Felix laughed a dry little laugh with secret meaning.

"I wonder whether it isn't very funny." He went over to her, sat on the arm of her chair and bent above her, capturing her in one strong arm.

"Look, child, I have to be away from you for a fortnight presently."

Her heart went plunging, whether for joy or sorrow she could not tell for the life of her have told. "When I come back don't you think we could shorten this engagement of ours a little? I'm getting weary of convent airs. I want—" and suddenly his face was dyed in deep hot color, "I want a wife."

Marcella spoke as though she were reciting from her volume.

"I can see no reason for keeping you waiting much longer, Felix. I did say a four months' engagement but it seems to me that you have tested each other's affections now sufficiently, have had time to draw close to each other."

The girl looked from one to the other with scared golden eyes.

"You mean you'll both go away? You'll leave me alone here for all those days before . . . before . . .?" Her heart beat visibly under the very silk across her breast.

Felix bent to her lips. Before his own fell upon them he said in a low voice, "Much safer for you, my darling, to be rid of me just now." Even her heart's voice dropped. "I can't wait. I can't wait." And the kiss descended fell upon her with the sh of a blow.

she endured it, withdrawing with fastness, anesthetizing her. All her body, however, drew up and back into the chair as it suffered pain.

listened while Felix and Marcella discussed details. She breathed her heart at bitter, at defiant. She was to be left alone in ignorance of life. And then she was given to this man. "Oh, Lynda Sandal speaking to her own heart, 'we must. There will be a fort-

est of liberty and of ex- perhaps my mother is-aps this Felix does not- Perhaps this one- most indulgent gentleman- only doorway into life and- ve a chance to learn the- a brief mad chance, and- this fortnight I discover- ger and my shame and my

terror under the embrace of a future husband do not mean what my mother assures me that they mean," her chest lifted, a wind seemed to blow across her mind, "then I will never marry him, so help me God; not even to escape from . . . her!" To the terrible estrangement of this pronoun had Marcella driven her.

Events shaped themselves rapidly to make her quest of the truth possible. Cousin Sara came, an old woman with an ear trumpet, very active and very lame, who gadded about the city all day with a passionate enthusiasm for shopping, and went to bed at night exhausted by her own nervous activity.

So, after Felix had been gone four days—and Jocelyn rather anxiously recognized that she missed him—there came a night, Mary's night out, when Jocelyn drew from her old trunk the pleated skirt and the small dark jacket and the tam-o'-shanter and ran her fingers through her hair.

This time she found her father in the outer room of his lodging, alone. He was doubled over a shabby desk and looked so queer, so almost gnomish over his papers, with his brilliant squinting eyes, that Lynda had again that sick flash of repulsion. Perhaps he recognized it for he put both his dark distorted hands before his face an instant.

She wished to draw the poor face he had hidden against her breast. He killed the impulse with laughter, genuine laughter that could not wound her though it mocked.

"You wretched woman—thing," said Nick, his whole face gleaming with charm and with masculine rebellion, "get out, get away from me. I won't be mothered by you. Go on and rummage through my possessions, Eve. You may indulge your feminine curiosity at my expense but I'm blasted if I'll be the victim of your softness. Lynda, don't you fall in love with me, understand?" "I must love you," said Lynda softly. "I must love you. You are me, I feel you in me."

Above his papers he stared blankly for an instant. Then, "Thanks, Lynda," he said simply. "I like to be a part of your loveliness, if only for a little while. Go on now. I really have to finish this. When you come back we'll talk."

The bedroom, which contained one full-sized bed and one narrow cot against the wall, was the most untidy and unattractive Lynda had ever been allowed to enter.

On Nick's dressing table there were no photographs, no knick-knacks; there were no pictures on his walls. On top of a tall chest of drawers, however, a set of clean cheap toilet articles had been neatly arranged and there was a great picture of a dog, one of those magnificent canine heads which, loyal, brave, unselfconscious, have a nobility greater than humanity's.

"Tell me about your dog, Father," was the girl's first question when after a very brief inspection she came back into the outer room. "He's such a beauty."

"It isn't my dog. It's Jock Ayleward's. The animal's dead now, I imagine. He was Jock's beast before Jock met with other beasts less beautiful. Jock keeps a sort of corner here with me."

"It's not his home, then?" "Bless the child! Home?" He clicked his tongue, his eyes laughing at her. "No. This is not his home. Look like a home to you? Jock is what you might call a bird of passage."

"A salesman?" suggested Lynda, proud of her worldly wisdom in being able to guess a business occupation for a man.

Nick chuckled. He seemed delighted with her suggestion. "Well, yes. You might have him call it that. He's a sort of hunter too. Tonight he's after big game—against my express advice. Dangerous hunting. If I'm touchy tonight, Lynda, that's the reason. I'm not of a patient disposition. Are you?" Lynda considered this.

"I don't quite know. I think I

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must be. I've done nothing all my life so far but wait."

"When will you be married?" "Tell me, shall I like being married, Father?"

"I wish you'd call me Nick." "Oh, wouldn't that be horribly disrespectful?"

"The last thing I crave, O daughter of mine old age, is respect."

"Then—Nick . . . oh, please do answer me quickly, someone is coming up the stairs."

Nick listened, alert, rigid.

"Father, Nick, please. Before Jock Ayleward comes. Nick, shall I like being married?"

"No. Of course not, you little simpleton. It's not an institution ordained by God and man for anything so unimportant to the race as happiness. Don't let them fool you as to that. It's for your discipline, my angel. My father hath chastised you with scorpions." Don't you know the Old Testament?"

"We were not allowed to study our Bible," said Lynda, white and scared. "Nick, Nick, I must be happy. I don't want to be chastised. I want not to be afraid . . . as my mother is." And at that instant first did the child know what it was in Marcella that so disturbed, so alienated her.

Nick had hastily finished his drink, had risen, was not looking at her but at his door. The step was mounting rapidly.

"Oh, that!" he threw back at her hastily over his crooked shoulder. "I never said you had to be afraid," did I? That's just exactly the one thing you mustn't be, my girl. If Mr. Felix Kent really scares you in any profound sense of the word, quit him cold . . . It is Jock!"

The door was opened with a sort of quiet violence and Ayleward faultlessly attired in evening dress, his hair as sleek as a screen lover's came in, shut the door and flung a fierce arm about Sandal's shoulders. "There, you old belly-acher, what do you say? Next time will trust a born card-handler."

As he spoke he was pulling from his pockets great handfuls of paper money which he shook before Nick's eyes and then tossed up in the air so that they fell about the room like dead leaves. In this moment of some triumph mysterious to Lynda he had dropped the grim mask from his mobile and wild winged face. Lynda saw that he was young, ten years younger than Felix Kent, young

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enough to be Sandal's son.

"Jock, you fool. Here's Lynda!" The mask snapped into place. Ayleward turned it upon Nick's visitor in startled grim fixation. He bowed and began to collect his earnings; for surely they must be, thought Lynda, some sort of earnings from his salesmanship! When he had them bundled together he added to them what was left in his clothing and put the whole great mass into a drawer which he locked. Then he turned to go.

"Take her home, will you, Jock?" said Nick. "I'm done and she ought to be getting back to where she seems to belong."

But it was nearly morning when he came back to furious prowling Nick.

Ayleward came in at the door then, humming a dance air with a strange dazed wistful look on his young face.

On the way to get a taxi, Lynda gripped Jock by the arm.

"I must talk to you. You must tell me about Nick."

"All right. I'll take you somewhere."

"Do you like to dance?" asked Ayleward.

"Yes. But I'm not dressed for a restaurant and my moth—"

"You're dressed for the place I'm taking you to, only I will say you're a bit stagey."

At the address he had given the driver he helped her out.

They mounted steep and narrow stairs which might once have led up from the kitchen of a private house and Lynda found herself seated on a bench against a wall. Jock opposite her across a bare small narrow table. It held one shaded light. Jock ordered supper food. Mechanical music was playing.



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The floor was filled with dancers, their bodies pressed together. Others drank and ate. But except for the music the long narrow room was very quiet and orderly.

Lynda drank the black coffee Jock had ordered for her. Jock was watching the dancers.  
"Want to dance?"  
(Continued Next Week.)

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### THIS YEAR OF '32.

New days that are made  
Of beautiful, cloud-tossed skies,  
Sunlight and shade,  
And soft breezes persuade  
One to be wise  
In this year of '32.

Nights that are thrilled  
With gentle winds or stars,  
Or raindrops spilled  
In pools round and bars,  
Or moonlight stilled  
Make up this year of '32.

—Lona.

### SAY DID YOU KNOW—

—That Red Williams showed up unusually well in Merkel's first basketball game of the season?  
—That Boaz, at running guard, scored more points against I. X. L. than one of the forwards?  
—That Wilson proved himself to be a real actor in the play "The Christmas Burglar"?  
—That Monte Moore is an excellent actor?  
—That Merkel beat I. X. L. 14 to 7?  
—That Merkel beat Noodle 16 to 10?  
—That Merkel hasn't lost a basketball game this year!! Whoopee!!  
—That Merkel played Ovalo there Friday?  
—That Merkel beat Ovalo 29-20?  
—That Merkel plays Buffalo Gap here Friday?

### WE ARE TOLD—

Even hot-headed men occasionally get cold feet.  
A family jar is never used in observing peace.  
Successful people do not succeed on account of their faults, but in spite of them.  
That 1932 is going to be a "wow," and we believe it so far.  
That we must plan ahead or behind.  
That Nell H. has been thrilled.  
That Thelma L. and Nell D. are role.  
That the men who try to do something and fail are better off than the ones who try to do nothing and succeed.  
That exams are over.  
That Marie likes Fords.  
That Neal has a new crush.  
That Miss Patterson has a new dress.  
That the Juniors had a new member last week.  
That Lois likes chewing gum.  
That the civics class doesn't use its dictionary.  
That Julia likes a Chevrolet but will ride in a Buick.  
That Margaret M. and Florene have new permanents.  
That somebody said there were plenty of notes passed in the study halls.  
That we had chapel Monday.  
That the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth has begun.  
That the "Fish" have received a gift.

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshman class organized and the officers elected were: Harry Boaz, president; Milton Shannon, vice-president; Neal Durham, secretary and treasurer, and Billie Bernice Gambill, reporter.  
The Freshmen are very grateful to the Junior class and are glad to know we have some friends who think of us kindly.  
Jim West, Jr., a Junior, presented the Freshman class a large green fish that we appreciate very much.

### AN OVERHEARD CONVERSATION.

A Senior, while standing on the campus, overheard this conversation between two Freshmen. Mary Helen Lancaster and Clara Frances Larwent seemed to be somewhat agitated about the mid-term "exams." Mary Helen said, "You know, I wish that there were big blackboards in the study hall so that Miss Martin could write the exam schedule on it. Of course it is written out in the hall in that little glass covered hole in the wall, but when I'm out in the hall I never have pen and paper or else I forget it. I never could remember anything so I'll bet I'll come to take an examination at the wrong time."  
"Well," Clara Frances answered, "I think I could get by with that all right; the only thing that worries me is whether science includes physiology or not."  
"I don't think it does," said Mary

Helen, "I think it means some kind of math."

To this Clara Frances replied, "Well, I suppose it is a new fangled name for algebra, so I'll come and take my algebra exam Wednesday."

The Senior, who was thoroughly disgusted with Freshmen, walked away, leaving them to discuss their problems of high school life.

### WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT!

Marshall says that he is through with women forever.

The way to get to play basketball, it seems, is to come out only once about every two weeks.

"Sis" seems to be having a hard time keeping up with her fountain pen.

Marie says that she can't learn very much in American history as long as she has to sit by Ross because he absorbs all the knowledge that ever comes back that way.

Some people have the nerve to tell you that they will buy a nickel's worth of candy on credit if you will give them two bars for a nickel.

### THE SENIORS.

You have heard, I suppose, of high school students burning "midnight oil" in order to cram down some knowledge that should have been studied before. Well, the Seniors have their lamps trimmed and are waiting for the exams to begin.

If we live through the exams, we will be back next week with our same old spirit to begin the new term with our new resolutions.

### CHAPEL PROGRAM.

Brother Carpenter, pastor of the Church of Christ, spoke to the student body concerning his trips to the Holy Land. During his trip he visited seventeen countries, but he did most of his looking around in the Holy Land.

Brother Carpenter showed us some souvenirs that he had picked up during his travels. Some of them were a copy of the Koran, the Mohammedan Bible; some stones taken from the Dead Sea and the Jordan river; some shells from the Sea of Galilee; some beads made of olive wood; a bag made of camel skin which he bought in Egypt, and some pine burrs which he picked up at Jacob's well.

In England Brother Carpenter saw the oldest manuscript of the Bible; in Egypt he saw a native climb the largest pyramid and come down in seven and one-half minutes.

The students enjoy talks like Brother Carpenter's. Please come back again!

### BASKETBALL NEWS.

Merkel Badgers met Ovalo team at Ovalo Friday afternoon. Ovalo, supposed to have one of the strongest teams in the country, went down in defeat to the tune of 29-20.

Merkel led at the half by the score of 16-12 and was in the lead during the remainder of the game.

Harris, who is playing his first year at center for Ovalo, led his team with 11 points. Derrick, however, was high point man of the game with 13 points.

The Badgers have a strong team this year and we believe that they will win the county championship.

Merkel's next game is with Buffalo Gap. The game will be played Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The line-up for Merkel:

Derrick, f; Boaz, g; Williams, f; Moore, g; Higgins, c; Middleton, sub. for Higgins.

### A BRILLIANT PUPIL.

Some people are blessed with intelligence. If everyone could be as smart as Gerald Derrick, M. H. S. would be a better school to go to. Everyone considers Gerald to be a very outstanding basketball player, but he is also outstanding in biology class.

Mr. Riddle, who is teacher of biology, was explaining what made the different seasons and what happened in each season. He had discussed all the seasons of the year except autumn, and before he discussed this season he asked Gerald, "When do the leaves begin to turn?"

Gerald, after studying a few minutes replied, "The night before exams."

### JOKES.

Mr. Riddle (in history class): "What great thing do we have today that we did not have 100 years ago?"  
Ross: "Me."

Marshall: "Why do they call you

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Tom Vessel, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessel, Mr. Pinkie and Dorrance and Miss Fanny spent Sunday with Mrs. Vessel's sister, Mrs. Hobbs, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessel have as their guest Mrs. Vessel's brother, Jack Green, of Lamesa.

Elmer Timmon of Rotan was a guest in the J. E. Bowers home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd were here from Hamlin Wednesday greeting old friends.

Miss Beatrice Burleson of Abilene was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dudley, part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen and Homer Terry of Clyde were here Thursday of last week attending to business and visiting relatives.

Mrs. Seth Nugent of White Flat visited one day last week with Grandma Bickley in Merkel.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey of Merkel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens Friday of last week.

Mrs. Henry Cooper had as a weekend guest her sister, Miss Maybelle Washburn, of Goodman.

G. B. Brown and Miss Edna Crutchfield of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Before going away on Sunday for a trip to Denver, Colo., Mrs. John Bowman was a most gracious hostess to a few of her friends at her home on Friday afternoon, entertaining with a bridge party. Guests were Mesdames T. G. Hamner, B. C. Hamner, B. Edwards, C. McRee, B. Winter, John Wheeler and Miss Ruby Johnson.

Mrs. Bessie Billings was the weekend guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Rutherford, in Abilene.

Mrs. Sam Hightower returned Sunday to her home in New Mexico after spending the holidays as guest of Mrs. Bounce Hays.

Mrs. Corley Edwards is reported as doing nicely after a tonsil operation at Abilene on Wednesday of last week.

### PERKINS-WEST.

On last Saturday afternoon Miss Juanita West of Merkel and Border Perkins of Trent were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill, the pastor, officiating. Best wishes for a long and happy married life are being extended the young couple by a host of friends.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.  
Bible study 10 a. m. All members are urged to be on time and make our Bible school what it should be in every way. Worship 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m.

### High School News.

The following pupils are reported on the honor roll from the grammar school:

First grade: Adelia Garcia, Sammie Ross, Gene Billington, Mary Alice Sherrill, Willie Jo Hamner, Billy Jones, Talmadge Vessel, Othel O'Kelly, Narvel Shannon; highest average: Willie Jo Hamner, Billy Jones.

Second grade: Ladie Fred Crain, Willadene Strawn, Nelson Sherrill, Ilena Perkins, Virginia Cloc McRee; highest average—Ilena Perkins.

Third grade: Dorothy Jo Strawn, Elise Bishop, Pauline Stayton, Marjorie Jo Stewart, Faye Hampton, Lee Roy Martin, Veneta McDonald, Vertis Ross; highest average—Vertis Ross.

Fourth grade: Kirby Steadman, Kathryn Shannon, Kenneth Burkhardt, Margaret Rellihan, Bobbie Glynn Rossen, Mark Williamson, Mary Lane; highest average—Kirby Steadman.

Fifth grade: Ellery Smith, A. C. Terry; highest average—Ellery Smith.

Sixth grade, highest average—Lucille Howell.

Seventh grade—Edgar Lee Mangum.

### HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

Miss Mary Shepherd was hostess to the Home Economics club on Wednesday of last week. The following program was given:

Answer roll call with a New Year resolution.

New Year Poem, Jo Ella McLeod.

"Care of the Hair," Sarah J. Johnson.

"New Year Party," Edith Hale.

"Care of the Skin," Mildred Steadman.

"Tin Wedding," Helen Bright.

"Care of the Complexion," Fannie Vessel.

Talk, Nona Burgess.

Hankerchief Shower, Helen Bright.

"Care of Hands," Victorine Bishop.

Jokes, Fannie Vessel.

"Care of the Teeth," Mildred Steadman.

After the program a buffet luncheon of bread and butter sandwiches, tuna fish salad, stuffed olives and grape punch was served to the members.

The Home Economics club elected new officers for the next six weeks as follows: president, Fannie Vessel; secretary, Helen Bright; reporter, Victorine Bishop.

### PAJAMA PARTY.

Mrs. Buster Edwards entertained the Choral Club girls with a pajama party Thursday night. Games of "42" and bridge were enjoyed and refreshments of sandwiches, hot chocolate, jello, and cake were served to Joella McLeod, Sarah Julia Johnson, Sallie Freeman, Mildred Steadman, Thelma Nalley, Doreen Scott, Helen Bright and Fannie Vessel.

HEARD AND SEEN.  
Helen Hogue smiles everytime the word said is used in class. It reminds her of "S. A. D."

CAN YOU IMAGINE—  
Erma Fae flirting with Freddy?

Edith making a 100 in geometry?

Trent boys beating Colorado?

Fanny only making 12 2-3 on geometry test?

Edith getting the high honor certificate?

Eskota putting on "Little Miss Jack?"

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Seniors are good in their books?

That we have a new Junior girl?

The Trent girls are playing basketball now?

That the eighth grade has a club?

That the school kids had their pictures made before Christmas?

That Den has started back to school?

That it is cold weather?

That White Flat got some Senior rings that Trent got a long time ago?

### THE SENIORS.

The Seniors are getting to be one of the best grades in school. Edith Hale made the grade proud of her by getting the high honor certificate.

Fannie Vessel was the only one out of Junior and Senior room that was neither tardy nor absent the last six weeks. Alton Martin showed the class that a Senior is useful in helping win over Colorado. Helen Hogue, who has been getting high honor certificate, fell a little low on her grades.

Freddy Allyn made C plus on his report card on geometry. If you want to see a willing working class just look us over. We are setting examples for the under classes. Mr. Ross B. Jenkins is our sponsor and is one of the best of sponsors. He is helping us make this year a year of success and happiness.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Miss Shepherd reports the Public Speaking department coming on fine and, by the way, this department has been running all of the year.

We sent in our Interscholastic League fees the first week that school opened last fall.

### SPORTS.

Colorado, invited Trent's basketball squad to their tournament. The Trent squad is composed of John Hamner, John Terry, Alton Martin, Elmer McDonald, Henry Bright and Bob and Charlie Howell.

The first game that Trent played was with Colorado. Although Colorado has a gymnasium and a large number of boys to pick from, Trent easily defeated them, 25-14.

Terry was one of the sensations of the meet, receiving favorable comment from most every visiting coach. The passing of the team is developing well. Trent feels confident of winning the county this year, having all letter men and some additional new material that has shown up well.

Trent's second game with Sweetwater was not a disappointment, as the score showed 21-11, Sweetwater being the second best team in the tournament.

The girls basketball team has been organized and has begun daily work-out. Erma Fay Boyd was elected captain and Sallie Freeman assistant captain. Among the girls who are out are Erma Fay Boyd, Joella

Sarah Julia Johnson, Edith Hale, Fannie Vessel, Jewell Gebbert, Francis Jones, Mildred Steadman, Navala Hamilton, Idell Cooper, Sallie Freeman and Thelma Nalley.

Trent did not compete in girls basketball last year, but won four straight years previously. We are hoping to repeat, with Idell Cooper, a two letter guard from Goodman, and Jewel Gebbert from Norton, both excellent guards.

We organized our track team Monday afternoon. Trent's track team will carry many additions to that of last year, which was the fastest in rural schools in Taylor county. We have such additions this year as Henry Bright, Elmer McDonald, Harold Terry, John Boyd, J. E. Jaynes and Freddy Allyn. Bright as a Junior ran the century in 10 1-2 flat, so much is expected from that quarter, and the others named above won the Junior meet last year.

With Hamner, Murdock, Chas. and Bob Howell, Bishop, Martin, Terry and our new ones, we are expecting to greatly increase our medals this year. Trent won 47 medals last year.

Trent girls have not lost a volleyball game this year and, according to the coach, Ross B. Jenkins, the team looks stronger this year than last. The captains of volleyball are Fannie Vessel and Edith Hale.

COMPERE NEWS  
Comper P. T. A. met Friday night, Jan. 8, for their regular meeting. The school rendered the program, which was a very nice program and was enjoyed by all. The parents will have charge of the next meeting of the P. T. A. Jan. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ramsey entertained the young folks of the community with a Leap Year party Monday night. A great time was reported.

Mrs. Ben Adkin was a Noodle visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor were Merkel visitors over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., made a business trip to Big Lake the past week.

Mrs. M. K. Milner and daughter, Kathleen, were visitors in the home of Mrs. A. W. Clemmer Saturday night. They reported a good time.

Everyone enjoyed the singing Sunday night.

Quite a few from this community spent Monday in Merkel.

Grandma Palmer was the Sunday guest of her son, Nig Palmer, and family.

Mrs. Lenora Bonds is visiting in this community this week.

Mr. Frank Merritt is visiting his sister of Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt.

Comper community welcomes Mr. and Mrs. John Caffey into this part of the country.

Mr. Joe Ramsey was in the home of his parents Sunday morning.

Miss Eva Horton of Noodle is visiting relatives in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer were back at Comper last Wednesday.

### White Church News

Everyone here is enjoying the pretty sunshine.

Our sick people are all improving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rogers had as their guests Sunday Mr. Rogers' parents of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Miss Lena Lee, visited one day recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Coomer of Eskota.

Mrs. B. D. Pressly is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison, of Buffalo Gap. The latter are the proud parents of a new boy born the 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn of Ft. Worth were recent visitors in the A. V. Henslee home.

Mrs. C. C. Barnes and daughter, Nan, of Abilene visited in the A. D. Barnes home over the week-end.

Our prayer meeting and Sunday School was well attended Sunday.

Will Meet Again January 15.  
The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Friday, Jan. 1, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Higgins. The program was taken from "Capper's Farmer." The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. O. Armstrong at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, Jan. 15.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

Classified Ad in The Mail

## BLAIR ITEMS

Arthur Moore, who was hurt on the Divide high school court in a basketball game Thursday evening, is getting along nicely.

Grandma Bankhead, Mrs. O. J. Adcock and daughter and two charming grandchildren of Merkel were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton Friday.

Mrs. Luella Atwood of Nubia was last week-end's visitor in the home of Mrs. Maggie Hunter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and family of Trent were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Brown of White Church visited the past week in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family motored over to Abilene one day recently to see their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patterson are happy over a fine baby boy, stopping over with them since Jan. 8th.

## CANYON NEWS

Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene filled his regular appointment at the Nubia M. E. church Sunday morning and night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn spent last Wednesday in the J. L. Perry home. Miss Evelyn Perry accompanied them home and spent the night.

Mrs. Emma Peterson and little son, Bobby Glenn, left Sunday evening for Tyler, where they will visit relatives for an indefinite time.

The I. X. L. basketball boys went to Divide for a game last Thursday, Divide winning 9-8. They went again Saturday night. Divide winning again, 13-9. But that isn't "half bad" boys. We'll beat "em" next time.

Misses Novis J. and Modenia Whiteaker of Castle Peak and Misses Laura Wallace and Inez Coby of Butman spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry entertained Sunday with a birthday dinner for Miss Jimmie Dell Perry and little Willie Pearl Matthews. Those enjoying the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn and daughter, Loneta, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Mr. K. Blackburn, Mt. M. E. Perry, "Granny" Perry, Elizabeth Cathcart and the host and hostess.

## DORA DOINGS

We are glad to report G. W. Whitaker able to be around again after being thrown from a horse several days ago, shaking him up considerably.

E. P. Perry made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

The young people enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rogers Friday night.

Wingate's basketball club played our team here Saturday in our new gym; the boys lost to Divide 16 to 18, while the girls won 25 to 19.

The Divide boys also played the I. X. L. school team Saturday night, winning by a few points.

Miss Jewel Burklow of the I. X. L. school spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burklow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley and children visited her parents at Elm Grove Sunday.

Joe T. Perry, wife and daughter, Miss Opal, were last week-end visitors here with his brother, E. P. Perry, and family.

## RURAL SOCIETY

MISS BLANCHE CAREY ENTERTAINS.

On Friday night the young people gathered at the home of Miss Blanche Carey at Union Ridge to play "Several games of '42' were and then singing and Victrola was enjoyed. Those present: Misses Lillie Claude Barnett, Reeves, Anna May Harris, Ruby, Messrs. Pink Dunn, C. Carey, Dub Derstine, Irl Walke is Barnett, Leo Harris, Bill F. Bernard Clark, Hail Derstine and Mrs. John L. Jones and Mr. Mrs. Melvin Carey and the host

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POLITICAL

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
**HOUSTON ROBERTSON**, (Re-election.)  
 For County Tax Collector:  
**EARL HUGHES**, (Re-election.)  
**GRADY PARMELEY**,  
 For County Judge:  
**JOHN CAMP**.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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Twelve assorted flowering shrubs, value from twenty-five to thirty-five cents each, prepaid to any address for only \$1.50.

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 Hooks, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good Red Seed Oats, 25 cents per bushel; good late cane, 1-2c. See R. B. Wells.

FOR SALE—Two almost new McCormick-Deering double row cultivators; also several sets of harness; for rent—one side of A. H. Thornton building. See me or Mr. Darsey, Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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TRIDGE WYANDOTTES, the that wins and pays; hen pullets cockrels, \$1.50 to \$3.00; just a to offer. Joe E. Davis, Blackwell, as.

FAT HOGS; will deliver in Merkel per lb. on foot, or 7 1-2c dressed, as many as three at one time, weight from 175 to 216 lbs. gross; some nice gilts at \$10 each at barn, also 16 pigs soon at \$3.50 each; all above are big-bone Poland China. F. J. McDonald, 1-2 miles northwest of Stith.

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### WANTED

O—Plain Sewing; pajamas dresses, 50 cents; children's 5 cents; remodeling a spec. Joe Bailey Toombs.

### LOST AND FOUND

ED—Black horse mule, meal-not sheared this year; about hands high, weighs about 950. W. C. Church, Route 4, Mer-

### LEGAL NOTICE.

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF TAYLOR  
 1973 in the matter of the es-  
 W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased in  
 nty court of Taylor county,

to the creditors of the es-  
 W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased;  
 hereby given that letters  
 ration de bonis non with  
 nexed upon the estate of  
 Sr., deceased, were gran-  
 the undersigned, on the  
 December, A. D. 1931, by  
 Court of Taylor County,  
 persons having claims  
 said estate are hereby re-  
 present the same to me  
 time prescribed by law. My  
 Merkel, Taylor County.

Phillip A. Diltz,  
 de bonis non with the  
 the estate of W. L.  
 d.

Farm Loans.  
 Jan. 14.—Secretary  
 to the senate approx-  
 ent of the loans in  
 Federal Land banks  
 Land banks were de-

## Personal Mention

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little of De-  
 catur were guests Wednesday of Mr.  
 and Mrs. George Caple.

R. O. Anderson and Claud Comegys  
 returned Sunday morning from a  
 business trip to St. Louis.

Bill Comegys has gone to Sweetwa-  
 ter where he has accepted a position  
 with the Cities Service company.

Mrs. T. A. Pence, who is teaching  
 in the high school at Monahans, visit-  
 ed during the holidays with her par-  
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

J. F. Bolls and son returned Satur-  
 day night from a trip to the plains  
 and told the news first hand of the  
 big snow and cold weather there.

Lytton Howard of Abilene was a  
 visitor in Merkel Thursday. He and  
 his family are removing to Kerrville  
 where the Penny company has trans-  
 ferred him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn from  
 Fort Worth have returned home af-  
 ter a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs.  
 A. V. Henslee and children and Mr.  
 and Mrs. N. B. Beall and children.

Miss Billie Gardner had as her  
 week-end guest Miss Alice Bentley of  
 Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Max Bentley  
 of Abilene were dinner guests Sunday  
 evening of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gard-  
 ner.

Booth Warren, Yates and W. S. J.  
 Brown and Victor Tippet of San  
 Angelo spent a couple of days the first  
 of the week hunting on the Tippet  
 ranch in Midland county. They found  
 quail plentiful.

O. F. Weidenbach, formerly engaged  
 in the market business here, was a

passing visitor Tuesday en route to  
 Abilene on business. He is now en-  
 gaged in the same business at Odessa and  
 likes that section fine, he says.

Mrs. M. E. Young of Mesquite, who  
 has been with her daughter, Mrs. F.  
 A. Polley, since before Christmas, re-  
 turned Friday from a visit with her  
 brother, J. W. Haney, at Snyder, to  
 be again with her daughter here.

Miss Lola Shelton returned Satur-  
 day from a visit in Hamlin with Miss  
 Arlene Willett. The latter was her  
 guest here during part of the holidays.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wi-  
 mans and family are Mr. and Mrs.  
 J. E. Gresham, who arrived from Ft.

Worth last week. The young couple  
 were just wed on Dec. 22nd, Mrs.  
 Gresham having been Miss Dorothy  
 Louise Wimans before marriage.

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|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Ford<br>Chevrolet | 4.40-21   | \$4.79                                           | \$9.39                                               | Buick       | 5.25-21   | \$6.15                                           | \$12.32                                              | Stutz       | 6.50-20   | \$12.05                                          | \$24.10                                              |
| Chevrolet         | 4.50-20   | \$5.35                                           | \$10.39                                              | Auburn      | 5.50-18   | \$6.35                                           | \$12.70                                              | Cadillac    | 7.00-20   | \$14.05                                          | \$28.10                                              |
| Ford              | 4.50-21   | \$5.43                                           | \$10.54                                              | Jordan      |           |                                                  |                                                      | Lincoln     |           |                                                  |                                                      |
|                   |           |                                                  |                                                      | Stu'b'r     |           |                                                  |                                                      | Packard     |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ford              | 4.75-19   | \$6.33                                           | \$12.32                                              | Cadillac    | 5.50-19   | \$6.40                                           | \$12.80                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Chevrolet         | 4.75-20   | \$6.43                                           | \$12.48                                              | Marmon      |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Whippet           |           |                                                  |                                                      | Oakland     |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Erskine           |           |                                                  |                                                      | Pontiac     |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Chandler          |           |                                                  |                                                      | Stu'b'r     |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| DeSoto            |           |                                                  |                                                      | Chrysler    | 6.00-18   | \$6.65                                           | \$13.30                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Dodge             |           |                                                  |                                                      | Viking      |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Durant            | 5.00-19   | \$6.65                                           | \$13.30                                              | Franklin    |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Gr. Paige         |           |                                                  |                                                      | Hudson      | 6.00-19   | \$6.95                                           | \$13.90                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Peugeot           |           |                                                  |                                                      | Hup. b'le.  |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Rennault          |           |                                                  |                                                      | Stu'b'r     |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Willis-K.         |           |                                                  |                                                      | La Salle    | 6.00-20   | \$6.95                                           | \$13.90                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ward              | 5.00-20   | \$6.75                                           | \$13.50                                              | Packard     |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ward              |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ward              | 5.00-21   | \$6.90                                           | \$13.80                                              | Pierce A.   | 6.00-21   | \$11.20                                          | \$22.40                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ward              |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |
| Ward              | 5.25-18   | \$7.53                                           | \$14.60                                              | Buick       | 6.00-22   | \$11.60                                          | \$23.20                                              |             |           |                                                  |                                                      |

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 ing gasoline on a stove.

# SPECIALS

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

|                                                               |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| FLOUR, Extra High Patent, 48 pounds,<br>every sack guaranteed | 95c |
| SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars                                  | 25c |
| COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.                                 | 25c |
| BAKING POWDER, K. C., 50c size                                | 38c |
| RICE FLAKES, 2 boxes                                          | 21c |
| SALT, table, 5 lbs.                                           | 12c |
| SYRUP, Dreamland, gallon                                      | 55c |
| CATSUP, full 14 oz. bottle                                    | 16c |
| APPLE BUTTER, pure quart size                                 | 21c |
| OATS, Mother's Crystalware                                    | 30c |
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| COCOA, Mother's 1 pound size                                  | 16c |
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No. 1398

## BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

## HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of  
 December, 1931, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and  
 published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1932.

### RESOURCES

|                                                                 |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security         | \$ 78,331.71        |
| Loans secured by real estate                                    | 20,609.30           |
| Overdrafts                                                      | 105.85              |
| Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof | 3,051.94            |
| Banking House                                                   | 3,600.00            |
| Furniture and Fixtures                                          | 1,400.00            |
| Cash in bank                                                    | 3,539.30            |
| Due from approved reserve agents                                | 52,714.75           |
| Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand    | 6,381.52            |
| Other Resources—Cash Collections                                | 23.70               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                    | <b>\$170,758.07</b> |

### LIABILITIES

|                                                                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Stock                                                                   | \$ 25,000.00        |
| Surplus Fund                                                                    | 25,000.00           |
| Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due<br>in 30 days | 118,390.82          |
| Cashier's Checks Outstanding                                                    | 2,367.25            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                    | <b>\$170,758.07</b> |

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said  
 bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the  
 best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.  
 L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan., A. D. 1932.

ROSIE LANEY,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST:

T. L. STEVENS,  
 A. WILLIAMSON,  
 G. F. WEST,  
 Directors.

# CHURCHES

## Singers From McMurry College Coming Sunday

As a special feature for next Sunday the McMurry College singers will have charge of the evening service at the Methodist church. The entire service will be given over to them, in solos, duets, quartettes, octettes and group singing. Mrs. Robert Wylie, head of the music department, will accompany the singers and have charge of the program.

The program will consist of hymns and will last about 45 minutes, but it is hoped that we may prevail upon the singers to give an after-program of popular numbers.

The Senior league, through its president, Roy Patterson, was awarded the efficiency banner at the January session of the Western Union of the Abilene district held at Abilene last Sunday and Merkel was named for the February meeting place.

Be on time for Sunday School and morning preaching service and you will enjoy the evening special better.

E. L. Yeats, Pastor.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic: "Who's Afraid?"

Leader: Paul Collins.

Scripture—Mark 11:15-18.

"Fear and Worry and Their Causes," Mardell Shouse.

"The Fears of Youth," Lela Patterson.

"The Courage of the Earliest Christians," Marie Pinckley.

"Confidence in God," Addie Fae Patterson.

### MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The song service and special numbers featured on the program each Sunday at the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service are proving unusually interesting. Last Sunday singers were present from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, A. J. Tucker, Charlie Jones and Mack Buzbee on program, accompanied by Miss Mary Pence.

Special numbers are promised for next Sunday also when the meeting will be held at the Nazarene church. S. M. Hunter is to be the leader, with the scripture, the sixth chapter of Matthew, read by Ted McGehee. Dr. H. P. Hulsey will make comments on the lesson.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel for the second Sunday in the year showed an increase of 8 over the previous Sunday. There were 741 present at the Merkel Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 733 on the first Sunday of the New Year.

### SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Problems of Jesus."

"The Person of Jesus," Mary King.

"The Claims of Jesus," Sis Boaz.

"The Influence of Jesus," Comer Haynes.

"The Question of Jesus," Azilene Sumpter.

"A Practical Problem," Carroll King.

### INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "The Books of the Law."

The Bible, Harold Morgan.

The Pentateuch, Sara Sheppard.

"In the Beginning," Burneal Scott.

"Going Out," Louise Tarlton.

"The Law," Margaret Miller.

"The People Numbered," Vivian Davis.

"The Law Repeated," Ima Ruth Brown.

We appreciate the interest shown last Sunday p. m. and let's always be on the alert to do our best.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Absent members are always missed. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Glad to have those not in a service elsewhere to worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Last Sunday was a good day for us; nice crowd at both services.

Grandmother Hendricks was able to be present.

Sunday School next Sunday 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

N. Y. P. S. program at 6:30 p. m.

Subject, "Responsibility."

Leader, Miss Madie Smith.

Song.

Prayer.

Paper, "Are We Held Responsible According to Our Privileges?" L. L. Wills.

"What Will be Done with Those Who Neglect Their Privileges?" Miss Adda Mae Rosson.

"Does God Hold Those Who Sin Ignorantly Accountable?"

Reading, Emma Smith.

Special song, duet.

"Do Excuses Relieve Responsibility?" Mrs. Fannie King.

An invitation is extended to all. Come, you are welcome.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Training services 6:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

All members are urged to attend these services.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

### THE FUNDAMENTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The good Lord is marvelously blessing our labor as we follow his leadership in the salvation of the lost, the return of prodigals and outpouring of the Spirit on us all.

After Brother Waymire read the Articles of Faith from Pendleton's Manual, giving us a wonderful address, a church was organized and Brother Ernest C. Dowell was called as pastor for full time.

This church is for everybody who believes in the old-time New Testament church, where everybody loves everybody and all can have a part.

Revival meeting continues every night. A Bible school will begin next Sunday at 10 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

### House Totally Destroyed.

The frame house, belonging to E. B. Barnes and formerly occupied by John Dunn, in North Merkel was totally destroyed by fire about midnight Tuesday. Insurance was carried in the sum of \$1,000.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

## SOCIETY

### BRIDGE GAMES.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCrary extended hospitality to a number of friends on Tuesday evening.

Games of auction bridge progressed as a happy diversion and homemade candies were served during the evening.

The guest list included: Messrs and Mesdames L. B. Scott, Ted Nichols, Milton Case, Cyrus Pee, Bob Mayfield, Earl Teague, Dub Johnson, Tom Allday, Kenneth Pee, Edward McCrary, Misses Rosie Laney, Anna Lou Russell, Mrs. Juanita Dowell, Messrs. Floyd Davis and Herbert Dennis.

### T. E. L. CLASS.

The suburban home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter was opened on Wednesday afternoon to members of the T. E. L. class with Mesdames Ann Brown, W. V. Stephens and Lassiter co-hostesses. The singing of the class song was the opening number of a most inspirational devotional led by Mrs. L. B. Scott. Mrs. Sam Swann led in prayer and in the absence of the president, Mrs. Lassiter, the vice-president, Mrs. Earl Lassiter, presided over a business session.

A vocal duet, "Satisfied," was very much enjoyed when sung by Mesdames A. R. Booth and W. V. Stephens. All members quoted their favorite scriptures and in this way closed the devotional. Sandwiches and hot chocolate were served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Sam Swann, Booth Warren, L. B. Reeves, E. W. King, W. J. Largent, M. D. Angus, A. R. Booth, Joe Owens, Tarleton, General Jones, J. S. Swann and the hostesses.

### GLEANER CLASS.

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School class held their social meeting in the parlors of the Methodist church this month with Mesdames Guitar, Boyd, Whatley and Church co-hostesses. A devotional opened the program followed by a business session in which Mrs. F. E. Church was elected president of the class to take the place of Mrs. Fred Latham, who is removing to Abilene to make her home.

A reading by Anna Lee Baker enjoyed very much as was a duet by Mesdames Church and Mashburn. A

solo by Miss Opal Buzbee was beautifully rendered and a story told by Miss Orpah Patterson closed the program.

Delicious salad, potato chips, olives, cake and hot chocolate was served to Mesdames Blake, Church, Hunter, Iddings, Latham, Grimes, Gambill, Buzbee, Briggs, Burgess, Hicks, Taylor, Case, Richardson, Roberts, Gant, Sublett, Vaughn, Wells and the hostesses.

### Hamblet in Charge of Continental Station

Effective Tuesday morning, T. L. Hamblet was placed in charge of Continental Station No. 1, (the former Middleton location,) on the highway. Mr. Middleton will become connected with the Sinclair company about the first of February.

Up until the end of the year, Loring Hamblet had been proprietor of Hamblet's Variety store, which he closed out at that time. He is one of Merkel's popular young business men and invites his friends to give him a share of their patronage in his new line of business.

### Poll Favors Demos

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to President Hoover will react eventually in his favor. One editor points out that the president is becoming rapidly a martyr in the eyes of the public, and that martyrdom might make him victorious in November.

The survey indicates one other important fact. In the opinion of the editors, the south, which the republicans spit wide open in 1928, will become once again the "solid south." There seems little likelihood the south will depart again from its traditional allegiance to the democratic party, regardless who is republican nominee.

### Cafe Changes Hands.

While Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melton are in Muskogee, Okla., where Bert has gone for medical attention at the veterans hospital, Mrs. W. H. Pence and Miss Mary have leased the Hop-In cafe on Front street. They took charge on Monday.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

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## The First Baptist Church

The New Year 1932 finds the membership of the Baptist Church attending all its services in larger numbers than usual. The large congregation was deeply moved by the Holy Spirit last Sunday night.

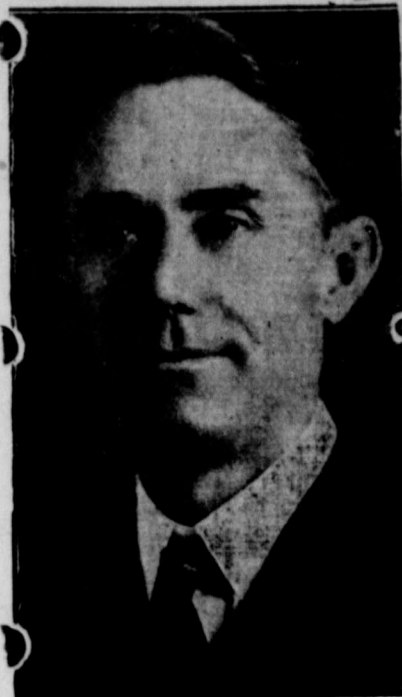
Sunday morning at 11 a. m. the pastor's subject will be "How Can We Tell We Are True Believers?"

At 7 p. m. it will be "Can I Know I Am on the Road to Hell?" At the evening hour pastor will tell why the "Bankers and Business Men" are paying Roger Babson a million dollars a year.

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